



Surrounded by a bevy of beauties at Northport Park Centennial ceremonies last weekend is Prince Edward County's most famous resident, hockey star Bobby Hull. Left to right, Miss Barbara Doxsee, County Dairy Princess; County Centennial Queen, Miss Mary Harrison, Mr. Hull; Miss Dominion of Canada, Donna Barker of Toronto; Lake Ontario Regional Development Council's Princess Cleanwater, Miss Yvonne Hewie.

# Northport Centennial Event One Of County's Finest

In one of the more colorful Centennial celebrations around Prince Edward County this year, Sophiasburgh Township residents of all ages turned out in full force for the official opening of their new park at Northport on Saturday.

The weather was perfect for the opening and many other activities during the afternoon—warm and still, with enough light cloud cover to keep the sun from beating down.

Mayor H. J. McFarland of Picton, one of the many dignitaries present, could not help commenting on the weather and credited it to the prayers of the Rev. W. von Boetticher, minister of the Sophiasburgh charge.

"I know my prayers do not go that high," he quipped, "and I don't think Norris Whitney's (MLA) go much higher."

The crowd, many dressed in suitable Centennial costume, was estimated at well over 1,200, with most present attending early to enjoy the opening chicken barbecue put on by the Junior Farmers

and catered to by the ladies of Bethesda.

Providing lively background music for the chicken-pickers was the band of HMCS Carleton, touring the area as part of the Canadian Armed Forces Centennial activities. The band also provided another musical interlude later in the afternoon.

Highlight of the day came when Township Reeve Donald Kotchapaw and the lovely Donna Barker, Miss Dominion of Canada, who recently took part in the Miss Universe pageant, joined to cut the red ribbon, signifying the park opening.

The spacious grounds on the shore of the Bay of Quinte, just east of Big Island, offer ample room for picnicing, sports and sheltered swimming.

The township adopted the park as its Centennial project and has put much effort into the grounds over the past months.

Decorating the entrance to the park is a huge Centennial emblem with pictures portraying various facets of recreation, donated by

the Department of Lands and Forests.

## MISS CANADA

Exuding warmth and charm, Miss Dominion of Canada, in a few remarks related how she is representing all the people of Canada and their ancestors.

"I am proud of all of you people for the way you are demonstrating that you are loyal Canadians," she said, "and I hope you can be proud of me."

The program lost a little of its glow when Reeve Kotchapaw had to announce the last-minute cancellation of a special demonstration and show which was to be put on by the RCAF from Canadian Forces Base, Trenton.

The base's search and rescue personnel became involved the same morning in the search for a missing plane, said Reeve Kotchapaw.

However, there were many other events on the program. Besides the thrilling music by the HMCS Carleton band, there was a spectacular one-mile marathon swimming competition, a precision drill

display and jeep assembly demonstration by a group from the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment and other guest stars, including National Hockey League star and Sophiasburgh resident, Bobby Hull.

The swimming marathon drew four entries who placed in the following order: Melvin Williams, representing Hillier, time 19 minutes, 20 seconds; Miss Mary Thisen, representing North Marysburgh, 21:10; Miss Pamela Thompson, representing Sophiasburgh, 22:40; Harold Storms, representing South Marysburgh, 27:05.

## D. KOTCHAPAW GETS MEDAL



DONALD KOTCHAPAW

Northport, has received a Canada Centennial Medal in recognition of "outstanding service" to the community.

Mr. Kotchapaw served the township as councillor for six years and four as reeve. One of the township's centennial year projects was the opening of the fine park at Northport and progress during his terms as reeve included opening of the Quinte Skyway and the new central school.

Mr. Kotchapaw was recommended for the honor by the present Sophiasburgh Township Council.